GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION OF RAIL LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on doubling and electrification of Guntur to Tenali and Nallapadu to Pagadipalli has not yet been started;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) :

(a) to (c) A survey for doubling of Nallapadu-Pagidipalli-Bibinagar line was completed in 1998-99. As per the survey, the cost of doubling of this 243 Kms long line was assessed at Rs.340.37 crore with a rate of return of 0.973%. In view of non-remunerative nature of the project, heavy throw- forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it was not found feasible to consider the proposal.Electrification of various sections of Indian Railways are taken up after appraisal of the financial and operational viability of the section under consideration and also duly considering the priority of the section in terms of traffic handled.At present, the section between Nallapadu-Pagidipalli has not been considered for electrification for reasons stated above. Doubling/Electrification of Guntur-Tenali section is also presently not under consideration.